

LEWIS KILLS HIM-
WITH 45-SIXSHOOTER
A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.Verdict Of Death By The Accident-
Six-Shooter In The Hands Of The

"BABES IN TOYLAND."

It is like peering between the covers of a beautiful fairy story to witness the production of "Babes in Toyland." This wonderfully beautiful offering will come to the Crystal Theatre on Thursday evening, Jan. 6th and it will be a signal for a gathering of the most representative at this deservedly popular theater.

"Babes in Toyland" is the triple work of a master of music, Victor Herbert, the acknowledged master of dainty lyrics Glen McDougall, and the greatest stage master in the land, Julius Mitchell. The production is not to be brought here with a makeshift company or equipment. The organization has been carefully selected, its members are trained artists both in principals and in its magnificent chorus, and two sixty foot baggage cars are required to transport the scenery and fixtures that are used. There is one thing that stands out in the holdest sort of fashion, and a fact that is the strongest asset of this attraction—there has never been an adverse criticism of "Babes in Toyland." The advance sale of seats for the engagement of "Babes in Toyland" at the Crystal Theatre will start at the News office on Monday Jan. 3rd. This engagement is the one big event of the season. There is every assurance that the attraction will attract the most representative gatherings of the season, and the fact that the complete scenic equipment will be brought here, with expert mechanics to handle it, means that the offering will really be a metropolitan production and one that all classes of people will find interest in witnessing. The company is headed by Harry Lapell in the



MARIE MALATESTA, PRIMA DONNA, "BABES IN TOYLAND."

role of "Alan," and such other well-known artists as Helen McLeod, Gus Pixley, Marie Malatesta, Leon Mayo, Ida Ward, Ollie Dignes, Norma Cameron, Violet

Clifford, Amy Thropp, Virgie Burrows, Ethel Vernon, Lavinia Edwards and a chorus of beautiful show girls and bewitching choristers who are supreme in vocalism.

CHRISTMASTIDE IS ENJOYED
AT ALL THE CHURCHES
IN CITY OF TUCUMCARI.It Has Indeed Been A Merry Christmas For The Young
American In This Community. Splendid Programs
Rendered Everywhere.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS MAKE A FINE SHOWING

On last Friday night there were a number of places in the city where Santa Claus paid his annual visit. All the churches of the city had a celebration of some kind, and Santa was there.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

At the Christian Church there was a Xmas tree and a splendid program was rendered. There were nuts and candy and presents for the children of the church and Sunday School. A large crowd was present and all had a very enjoyable time. One of the best numbers on the program was the song "Dear little Baby," by Jaunita Shaff. She was at her best and her singing was applauded to the echo.

THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH

At the M. E. Church South there was a big crowd, a fine Xmas tree and a well rendered program by the children of the Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Parchman. The tree was filled with presents for the children as well as other members of the church and Sunday school, besides candies, nuts, oranges and apples for all the children present.

The program was as follows:
Entrance Song.....League Song.....Xmas Bells

XMAS EXERCISE

C—Mittie Winters
H—Rolland Hopper
R—Stella Trickey
I—Ova Porter
S—Lucile Wharton
T—Mary McVey
M—Synthia Elkins
A—Marion Ward
S—George Elkins

Recitation.....Lonise Sherwood
Recitation.....Sallie Crofford

Song.....We'll Get Ahead of Santa
STOCKING DRILL

Recitation.....Mary Sidney
and Winnie Weaver
Recitation.....Lucile Trickey
Recitation.....Oscar Crofford

Solo.....Dora Sidney

DIVIDE EXERCISE

Holdbrook Hittson
Donovan Hittson
Jack Browning
Ruby Sell
Hubert Brooks
Hazel Porter

Recitation.....Ova Porter
XMAS CANDLES

Anna May Ward
Grace Ridley
Marshall Wharton
Howard Winters

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The following interesting program was rendered at the Baptist Church on last Christmas Eve:
Solo-Instrumental.....Sophia Stark
Anthem.....By the Choir
Invocation.....By the Pastor
Reading.....Ula Head
Song.....Junior Philathea Class
Solo.....Frank Phenton
Song-"Snow Flakes," Primary

Reading.....Maple Nafus
Song.....By School
Reading.....Doras Whitmore
Reading.....Rose Schubel
Solo.....Von Wilson
Reading.....Lillian Furbue
Anthem.....By Choir
Talk.....By Pastor

The entire program was very interesting and was well rendered. A large crowd gathered even to overflowing the seating capacity. Notwithstanding there were two large Xmas trees, they were loaded with presents. It was a great time for the children and they will not soon forget dear "Old Santa" but will look forward to his coming again.

Tebe, brother of our sheriff has gone to Texas to spend a few weeks.

"Kid" Emmet has purchased an interest in the Brunswick Billiard Parlor on south Second Street. "Kid" is very popular with the railroad boys and will make a success of the business.

In this issue of the News will be found a statement of the work of the Baptist Church of this city for the year just ended. The report is very encouraging and shows that the church has a people who are progressive, liberal, in their support of the ministry and the various auxiliaries of the church, and that they have a pastor who is filled with enthusiasm and zeal and is in touch with his people.

Louise Ridley
Binks Hittson
Howell Brooks
Josephine Elkins
Recitation.....Enid Self
and George Elkins

THE M. E. CHURCH

At the M. E. Church there was a crowded house, a fine tree loaded with presents and lots of candy and nice things for the children. Not only did the little folks get presents but the congregation remembered their pastor, Rev. McBride and gave him a handsome Kodak. We have an idea that the Rev. Gentleman will be sending back to the old Hoosier state, some excellent views of our city and its surroundings. A fine program was rendered by the Sunday school as follows:
Opening Chorus—Glory Be To God

By the School

A greeting—Xmas In Song

Edith Edwards

Greeting and Prayer

Q. McLaren

The Xmas Bells

By the School

Recitation—Christmas

Susa Chaves

Recitation—Santa Claus

Delbert Vinal

Christmas day

By School

Exercise—Why He Came

Miss Sneden's Class

Recitation—No Room

Ruth Gault

Solo—Angels Chorus

Mrs. Devor assisted by choir

Song—Joy To The World

Congregation

Solo

Alfred Snyder

Exercise—The Christ Child

Mrs. Becker's Class

Recitation—Hank Up The

by's Hoang

Adah Bradley

Solo—Under The Snow

Charlotte Forter

Reading—The Wise Men

Ann Russel

Recitation—Lo He Comes

Clarence Bradley

Scripture Reading and Response

School and Choir

Recitation—The Angel's Message

Julia Burrows

Recitation—Kitty to Chris

Bessie Fennie Hamilton

Introduction of Santa Claus

Distribution of Sunday school

treats by Santa Claus

Tableau

Santa Claus And His Children

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

DISTRICT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, NEW MEXICO, FOR QUAY COUNTY.

L. F. Lester, Plaintiff)
v.) No. 456
D. B. Williams, et al.,)
defendants.)

Pursuant to judgment and decree of the above styled court in the above styled and numbered causes, made and entered on the first day of September, A. D. 1909, whereby it was ordered and decreed that the plaintiff recover of the defendants the sum of \$3847.85 together with interest thereon from November 26, 1908 at 10 per cent per annum, and costs of suit, including ten per cent attorneys fees, and for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described for the satisfaction of said judgment.

Public notice is hereby given I, J. F. Ward, Sheriff of Quay County, will, under and by virtue of said judgment and decree, on the 26th day of February, A. D. 1910, at the hour of 11 o'clock of the said day, at the front door of the court house at Tucumcari, Quay County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate and premises to wit:

The north one-half (1/2) of the south-west one-quarter (1/4) and the north half (1/2) of the south-east quarter (1/4) of section thirty four (34), township ten (10) north of range thirty-five (35) east, N. M. P. M., situate, lying and being in the County of Quay, Territory of New Mexico.

And that the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the satisfaction of said judgment, costs, and costs of sale.

J. F. WARD.

WARNING TO PARENTS THAT SHOULD LAST

On Monday last Carroll Lewis, son of Mr. Lewis, of this city, at the corner of Adams and Adams Streets, was killed accidentally by a 45-Six shooter in the hands of his son, Mr. Phillips. The little Phillips boy, who was looking at the gun, while he was looking in it, it went off. Death was instantaneous. The mother of the boy, who was looking in it, she got to him. Dr. Herring was the first physician to reach the scene, and he testified that the boy was dead when he reached the face of the unfortunate. Evidently the pistol was discharged, his face badly burned with powder. He entered the face at the chin and lodged at the brain. A Coroner's jury was summoned and after the body and hearing the verdict rendered the following:

We the undersigned jury find that Carroll Lee Lewis came to his death by the accidental discharge of a revolver in his own hands.

Tucumcari, N. M., Dec. 27th 1909.

T. H. SANDERS,
E. E. WINTERS,
J. F. PICKRELL,
P. C. PETERSON,
D. W. CLARKE,
J. W. CAMPBELL.

The occurrence is indeed a very sad affair. As a news reporter stood by the lifeless form of the dead boy who only a few moments before was full of life and laughter, and saw the father and mother with bowed heads and broken hearts, and heard the sobs of the other little boy who was trying between his sobs to tell the jury how the accident occurred, our hearts went out in sympathy for all concerned, and we wondered if the time will ever come when dangerous weapons will be kept away from children, or shall the world go on as before soon forgetting these sad occurrences until some other boy shall pay the penalty for our carelessness.

MRS. GORDON GIVES ENJOYABLE AT HOME SOCIAL

Quite the most thoroughly enjoyable social event of the season was the "At Home" on Tuesday afternoon of this week at the residence of Mrs. Eugene Gordon on Center street. The hostesses being Mesdames Gordon, Parsons and Cady, Mrs. Randle and Miss Thomson being also on the receiving line.

The beautiful home of Mrs. Gordon was resplendent in holiday dress of red and green, the red Christmas bells and the green holly, cedar and mistletoe blending into a cheerful, restful, charming effect, while the delicate, penetrating perfume of the Chinese sacred lilies filled every room with their intoxicating sweetness, and the strains of the violin, from the practiced hands of Miss Koch completed the symphony.

At the door the guests were met by little Bessie Bonny Hamilton and Ann Russell and were by them directed to the cloak room presided over by Miss McElroy and Miss

Kann. Then all passed into the parlor, where the guests were received by the hostesses, and were made to feel most welcome by their gracious and friendly greetings. And on in to the dining room presided over by Mesdames Thomson, Slaughter, Hamilton and Miss Althizer who served to each a most delicious chocolate with whipped cream, macaroons and mints.

And so, from 2:30 until 5 there was a continuous stream of guests and seemingly all of Tucumcari's fair women, beautifully gowned, were there, endowed with the spirit of the day: expressing to the hostesses, at their departure, their pleasure in meeting and greeting so many friends, and the unanimous hope that the time honored custom here launched by them may become a permanent function in Tucumcari's social circles, so thoroughly enjoyable was this first perfect "At Home."

TWO NEW PASSENGER
TRAINS MONDAY

Tucumcari Will Have Better
Mail Service and More Facilities For Passengers.

2 GOLDEN STATE LIMITEDS

Two new trains will be put on the Rock Island Sunday. This will give Tucumcari better mail accommodations, and afford better facilities for the traveling public. A new schedule will go into effect at midnight Sunday, January 3rd.

The east bound trains are as follows: Number 4 "Golden State Limited" will be composed of Pullman sleepers and observation cars and will arrive at 1:30 a. m.

Number 2 will carry mail, express and local passengers. It will be known as the "Californian," and will arrive at 6:40 a. m. Number 38 will carry through mail, passengers and express and will arrive at 7:20 p. m.

West bound—Number 3 "Golden State Limited," will arrive at 5:45 a. m. Number 1, through mail and express, will arrive at 11:05 a. m. Number 37, "Californian," will arrive at 5:45 p. m.

There will also be a change in the schedule of the "Polly" the Dawson train, which will after Sunday, Jan. 3rd, leave Tucumcari at 9:30 a. m. and returning, will arrive here at 5:45 p. m.

This gives Tucumcari eight regular passenger trains daily, and it will be but a few weeks until the Rock Island will have at least two trains each way of local passenger trains, which will give the city not less than four passenger trains daily.

DR. W. L. SHELTON DEAD

On last Thursday at 7 p. m. Dr. W. L. Shelton passed away at the residence of James Conwell in this city.

About three weeks ago Dr. Shelton contracted a throat trouble of a very malignant type and two weeks ago came to this city for treatment. All that possibly could be done to stay the malady failed to bring relief, and on Thursday evening, surrounded by his father, mother, wife and all of his brothers and sisters, he breathed his last.

Dr. Shelton was the oldest of a family of six children born to Dr. and Mrs. Shelton of Oneida, Kansas. He was a student and lover of good literature, and was especially fond of history, having read the entire history of the world by Ridpath last winter. He was a man of fine character and pleasing personality and his friends were limited only by his acquaintances. He was a successful physician and since locating at Montoya two years ago, had built up a large and lucrative practice.

He graduated with high honors both in the high school and in College, standing second in his class.

Three years ago he married Miss Vera Gilmore and to this union one child, Gilmore, was born.

The first reunion of the Shelton family since the marriage of Dr. Shelton was being held at the residence of Mr. James Conwell, and it is a peculiar coincidence that at this reunion the first death in the family occurred. He is survived by his father and mother, Mrs. H. A. Mehnert, of St. Louis, C. L. Shelton, Mrs. James Conwell and George S. Shelton of this city, and Roy Shelton of Oneida, Kansas. The funeral service was held at the Conwell residence at 4:30 p. m. yesterday and the remains will be shipped to Oneida, Kan., tonight. Interment will be in the cemetery at that place.

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants His foot steps on the sea, and rides upon the storm." Surely the finite mind cannot grasp the mysteries of the Infinite, and we wonder why this bright young man so fully equipped for a long and useful life, should be stricken down by the "Grim Monster" in the very prime of life. Why a loving wife and a bright little son should be bereft of the love and tender care of husband and father, and the world at large robbed of the influence that a man of his character would impart. But there comes the hope that "Some sweet day, when the mists have blown away, and the veil is lifted, that 'we shall understand' and God shall give us back our loved ones and will 'Wipe away all tears from our eyes.'"

The News extends to the entire family our sympathy in this dark hour, and believes that the Good Father of all, will be a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless.

Write it 1910.

AUTO RUNS INTO BUGGY

Wednesday evening as Mrs. F. A. Posey, her little daughter Leota and Mrs. Jennie Logan, were crossing the street near the Crystal Theatre, the Hardgrave automobile came speeding by without lights and ran into the buggy, making a wreck of it. Fortunately nobody was seriously hurt, and the auto party was as badly scared as the people in the vehicle. This should never occur again in this city, and the autos should be lighted and look to the speed limit on the streets where people are passing continuously. The city council will likely pass an ordinance covering such cases.

Ginning Season Closes

The Tucumcari Ginning Company will run two days in next month, the 17th and 18th of January, after which the season will close. Be sure and have your cotton in time for this last run. W. F. Buchanan, Mgr.

Littleton-de Yampert

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. de Yampert announce the engagement of their daughter Anna May to Mr. Burton Frederick Littleton. The wedding to take place Wednesday, January 12, 1910, at their home.

Mrs. W. C. Taggart, assisted by Miss Nora Waggner and Mrs. A. D. Pankey, entertained the Sunbeam Band, seventy-five in number at the Taggart home Thursday evening. A very enjoyable session was reported.

The school board, this week, purchased the west half of the block on which the high school building is situated. This will give a whole block to the school and when the grounds are graded and trees planted it will add materially to the appearance of the grounds and building.

Donald Stewart, manager for the Gross, Kelley & Co's. store, said to a News reporter, "We have had a better year than we expected and are well satisfied with the year's results. Our Xmas trade was greatly in excess of what we had hoped for. We believe the year of 1910 will be a still better year for business than 1909."

Sewer Pipe Arrives.

Yesterday the second consignment of the pipe for the sewer arrived.

There are eighteen car loads in this shipment. A News man was informed that there would be seventy-two cars of the pipe. The freight on a single car load of pipe is \$170.00 and when you remember that there are more than seventy cars of the pipe besides the machinery and other material, it will be seen that it will take a nice sum of money to pay the freight alone.

Russ and Jeff Harrison, sons of J. J. Harrison have been at home from school during the holidays.

MURKHEAD LIKES OUTLOOK

"In reply to your questions relating to business for the year 1909 I am glad to say that it showed a healthy increase over the preceding year. Our books show an increase of 20 per cent for the year. Christmas business was the most satisfactory we've ever had—could have sold 50 per cent more holiday goods if we had had them."

We are very much pleased with the year's business, but what makes us feel best of all is the feeling of confidence that prevails. There is no "starve-to-death" talk and the growlers are so scarce that they must feel lonesome. The heavy snow and freeze early in December has put new life into the country, and from all I can gather from "old timers", prospects for crops this coming year were never better.

That feeling of confidence and the universal belief in good times just ahead is worth more to our town and country than we can estimate. You know the old adage, "As a man believes, so he is". There is much truth in that saying as applied to an individual or a community. The man who expects nothing usually gets all he expects and all he deserves. That class of people add nothing to the town or country. It's the fellow that sings at his work, that puts in his time and utilizes every advantage, leaving the results of his labors to the Almighty that makes a town or country prosperous.

Tucumcari's prospects were never brighter than they are to-day. She has schools and school facilities second to none in the territory. A complete sewer system being installed. The Tucumcari-Memphis road just about ready for operation every assurance of the Santa Fe from Clovis, and Roswell wants a road into our town. Real estate is already showing increased activity, and it is my firm belief that we will witness the greatest building activity—substantial buildings—this spring the town has ever known. I believe our population will show an increase of 2,000 and upward before the end of another twelve months.

After having made these statements you ask if I am looking forward to a good business? The question has been answered, but I repeat; we are confidently expecting the best year in the town's history and if we don't get our share of the increase it will be our fault.

I feel good all over and expect to feel better every day of the year 1910 and I wish every individual in Tucumcari and Quay County may share that feeling."

L. S. Mitchell, Gertrude Taylor, Musie Taylor and Clarence Taylor of Allen were in the city Wednesday. Mr. Mitchell and Miss Musie Taylor were married while here.

W. B. Decker, one of the popular nonpareils of the E. P. & S. Store here, has returned from a vacation of sixty days spent in Chicago.